MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In this particular case they were graduates, and the Head of the Department considered that the appointment of graduates was necessary in the interests of efficiency.

PRESIDENT: You wanted to ask something, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the recommendations of the Head of the Department in violation of the existing rule will always weigh with Government?

PRESIDENT: That question has been asked. You should not assume things and pursue the question.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether ordinarily clerk volunteers will have to be appointed when vacancies arise?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, ordinarily.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know the special reasons for violating the existing rule in the present case?

PRESIDENT: He has already stated that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the reasons why considerations of efficiency were the determining factor in this particular case?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): When Heads of Departments make recommendations such recommendations are considered by Government. In this particular case the recommendation was in consideration of efficiency. Government agreed to the recommendation and sanctioned the appointments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government in similar circumstances will consider the question of efficiency always?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No. Each case will be considered on its own merit.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Then may I know whether considerations of efficiency will crop up only at particular moments and not always?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Efficiency and many other items will be considered when making appointments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to take it from the member that not only the consideration of efficiency but other considerations also weighed with Government in the selection of these two graduate clerks? May I know what are the other considerations?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have always said, on considerations of efficiency.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the names of the candidates?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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Departmental test for appointment as Anchal Masters and Clerks.

64. * **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether departmental examination for appointment as clerks and Anchal masters was held in this or the last year and the date on which the last examination was held

(*b*) whether there is any rule that persons who have not passed such examinations could be appointed to such places only with special sanction ; and

(*c*) the number of persons who have passed the test and are available for service in the department ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The last Anchal Test Examination was held on 8-11-1103.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 17.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know for what purpose these Departmental Examinations in the Anchal Department were held ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : To test whether the people have got a sufficient knowledge of the Departmental Rules.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand that in case persons who have passed the test are available, those who have not passed the test will not be appointed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Ordinarily it is so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether there is any rule or understanding to the effect that when persons who have passed the departmental examination are available others who have not qualified themselves by passing that Examination will not be appointed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no such rule.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Then may I know whether there is any rule which will give preference to those persons who have passed the test or whether there is any rule which will help those who have passed that test to get appointments in preference to others ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no question of preference ordinarily those who have passed will be appointed but in exceptional cases others also will be appointed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether there is any rule that they *should be* appointed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no definite rule ; that is the practice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertalla I*) : May I know why there was no departmental examination held after 1103 ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The main reasons is that the Anchal Manual is not up-to-date and it is undergoing revision.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertalla I*): May I know the time that has been taken up already for the revision of the Anchal Manual?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): An officer is now on special duty for revision of the Anchal Manual and he is going on with that work.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertallai I*): May I know the time that has lapsed since he started that work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): About two months.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the number of persons who were not qualified and who were appointed since 1103 while these 17 persons were available.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know in what language the Anchal Test Examination was held, was it in English, Malayalam or Tamil?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In English and Malayalam.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Do the Government record their reasons specifically in every case in which the rules are departed from?

PRESIDENT: He said it is not the rule but the practice.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know whether the Government record their reasons in cases where the ordinary practice is deviated from?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is only when the Government are satisfied with the reasons given that sanction is given. No specific record is made.

M. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Will the Government be pleased to record those reasons in such exceptional cases hereafter?

PRESIDENT: You are suggesting a course of action.

RAO SAHIB S. PARMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to see that these 17 men who have been waiting for 7 years are absorbed in the department as vacancies arise seeing that it will take a long time for the Anchal Manual to be published.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That may be considered by Government.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether the number of appointments of those who have passed the Anchal Test made since 1103 exceeds the number of appointments of those have not passed the Test?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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